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GRADUATION EXERCISES—Dean Robert B. McKay of New York University School of the Law addresses 324 Hastings seniors at graduation exercises held last month at the Fairmont Hotel.

Hastings Graduates Largest Class

Robert B. McKay, newly appointed dean of New York University School of Law, delivered the principal address at the Hastings commencement ceremonies on June 14 at the Fairmont Hotel.

Dean McKay, who is also a nationally recognized author of books on Constitutional law and legislative reapportionment, told Hastings graduating seniors that the law is changing and that each graduate has the responsibility to press for better laws.

Active Career

Dean McKay himself has been active in professional and governmental affairs, having served as chairman of Committees for the Association of American Law Schools and also for the New York State Legislature.

In 1965, Dean McKay collaborated with Dr. Louis Koenig in writing and narrating a weekly television series called "Our Legal Profile." The program earned him a Gavel Award from the American Bar Association and the Freedoms Foundation Award.

Directors of Hastings and members of the Board of Governors of the Hastings' Alumni Association were honored guests at the commencement ceremonies.

Largest Class

A welcoming address was given by Justice A. F. Bray, of the State District Court of Appeal, member of the Hastings' Class

of 1910 and Vice President of the Board of Directors of the College.

Dean Arthur M. Sammis presented a farewell message to the 324 members of the Class of 1967, the largest in the 90-year history of the school.

Mr. Richard B. Greene and Ronald E. Mallen were co-valedictorians.

Sammis Anniversary

The fourth unofficial commencement of Hastings College of the Law held at the Fairmont Hotel on June 14 marked the completion of Dean Arthur Sammis' twentieth year with the college.

During these dedicated twenty years he has seen the College grow in size to the fourth largest accredited day division law school in the country; he has seen its status change

from that of an "orphan" with no home of its own to that of a well-housed entity embarked on a program of building expansion.

Undoubtedly there will be many additional changes in the character of the college and in the composition of its student body in the years to come under the Dean's untiring leadership and wise direction.

Past, Present, and Things to Come

by MARVIN J. ANDERSON, Associate Dean and Registrar

In 1878, August 9th to be exact, a former Justice of Peace, legislator, military officer, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Iowa, prosecuting attorney, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of California, and Attorney General, who had retired from public service in 1853 at the age of 39 and who had during the intervening years devoted his time, talents and energy to his professional practice and the management of his diverse interests, becoming one of the wealthiest men in the State of California, expressed his view on the founding of Hastings College of the Law in these words:

"The desire of the founder is to diffuse a knowledge of the great principles of jurisprudence—to elevate the general understanding of the Bar and to maintain and perpetuate the dignity of the bench for without this, civilized government cannot exist; the rights of property, life and liberty will vanish and become an exploding theory of the past, and communism, mobs and other disorders will prevail against law, order and good government."

This statement embodies the viewpoint of one of the most remarkable men in California history, a man who at the age of 32 sat in the House of Representatives with such men as Abraham Lincoln, Stephen Douglas and John Quincy Adams.

In addition to outstanding legal scholars, the roster of the Hastings faculty included, and this may sound strange, two theologians, Rev. W. H. Platt, D.D., and Rev. J. H. Bonte, D.D., as Professors of Legal Ethics. Also a Doctor of Medicine, Dr. Edward Robeson Taylor, who later became Dean and eventually Mayor of San Francisco. These men, and many others, are an integral and vital part of Hastings' past—and various attitudes can be taken toward that past. There is the cynical pose: "history is meaningless." There is the aggressively modernist approach: "let the dead past bury its dead." There is the stance of those who are merely bored: "that great dust heap called history." These are all in the negative mood and Hastings was not built by negative men.

The Dynamic Present

After three-quarters of a century, "the wilderness wanderings" of Hastings College from one temporary domicile to another, came to an end. A new one and three-quarter million dollar edifice at the corner of Hyde and McAllister Streets became the first permanent home of the College.

Upon the death of Dean David Snodgrass, Associate Dean and Registrar, Professor Arthur M. Sammis, became the tenth dean of Hastings College of Law. During his brief tenure he has proved a worthy successor to his distinguished predecessor. In September of 1966, during the State Bar Convention, the Dean, a graduate of Hastings, was elected "Man of the Year" by the Hastings Alumni Association.

Today Hastings College of the Law finds itself at the threshold of a new era of state and national influence. With an alumni of over 3,000 attorneys, it faces perhaps its greatest challenge for service to the people of the State and Nation. The famous Sixty-Five Club has been reinforced by the addition in the past three academic years of the following distinguished scholars and legal educators: Professor William Prosser, formerly Dean at Boalt Hall, Professor Clarence Updegraff of Iowa, Professor Judson Falknor of New York University, Professor Milton Green, formerly Dean at Washington University and now visiting from New York University, Professor John Richards of Washington University, Professor Fred Moreau, formerly Dean of the University of Kansas, Professor Paul Basye, Professor Stephen R. Curtis, formerly Dean at William Mitchell, Professor Norman D. Latin of Ohio State University, Professor Ralph A. Newman of American University in Washington, D. C.

Expanded Facilities

The edifice dedicated in 1953 and constructed at a cost of nearly two million dollars, confidently proclaimed adequate for the next fifty years, fourteen years later crowds over a thousand students into a space designed for half that number. That which was anticipated to be in the future is present, and it was in recognition of the present—that expanded facilities must be provided as quickly as possible and because of the public interest in the continuation and development of the work at Hastings College of the Law—that Federal and State action provided funds for an expansion of the building; actual construction to begin in June of 1967.

The accelerated pressure of student applications continues to increase (1966 total 1,647 applicants, 1967 total 2,000) and from this large group an entering class of 400 will be selected.

Things to Come

In this age of rapid and accelerated change, what is ahead for Hastings? What is the capacity of this institution with almost a century of past history to shape its future? I believe the past lends credence to a philosophy of optimism—that the future will accommodate the striving which we, administration, faculty and students, bring to it. More than two years of extensive planning and effort have gone into the plans for the "new" Hastings. The present will see the beginning of actual construction, the future will see its completion. The entering class of 1969 can look forward to the occupancy of one of the most modern and attractive law school plants in the country. The present scenes of over-crowded hallways, classrooms and library facility will happily become a part of the past. To realize this goal, the State of California will expend over a million and three-quarters dollars. An additional three-quarters of a million dollars has been provided by a Federal grant, bringing the total cost to roughly two and a half million dollars. With the remodeling of the present facilities, the architects have designed a new Hastings as far as physical facilities are concerned that will help the College to do an even better job in providing quality legal education in the future.

The Administration of the College is firmly committed to the proposition of maintaining the famous Sixty-Five Club, of adding other illustrious legal educators to its roster, of providing an opportunity for as many high-caliber applicants to enter Hastings as possible and of providing the administrative leadership and services that have become a part of the Hastings tradition.

Like its past, the future will not be static. Excellence in legal education at Hastings must be served by sustained innovation and development. New programs for the Hastings of the future are already emerging. In outline, we can see what must be done:

1. To build more effective bridges of communication between the University and Hastings College of the Law.
2. To devise and encourage a more rational and integrated program of extracurricular activities and student functions.
3. To work for the reconciliation of general and professional interests.
4. To utilize, without gimmickry, new techniques in teaching and learning made possible by the electronic revolution. Such programs, as they develop, will require additional funds for staff, facilities and materials.
5. To expand and develop a first-rate law library so necessary to the advancement of legal education.

The realization of the purposes of Hastings is to be found in its graduates, the finished product of its endeavors. It can be safely asserted that as Hastings approaches the end of its first century of service to the State of California and to the nation, Hastings will not suffer in this respect when compared with ANY law school in the nation. Over three thousand graduates (attorneys, judges, legislators and legal scholars) attest to the practical vision of California's first Chief Justice.



MAKE WAY FOR HASTINGS—A bulldozer removes debris where the Hotel Iris stood two days before. Soon workmen will begin constructing the "new" Hastings.

Notes About Your Fellow Alumni

BEFORE 1950

WYMAN C. KNAPP, '39, of the firm of Knapp, Gill, Hibbett & Stevens, has announced the removal of his offices to City National Bank Building, 606 South Olive Street, Suite 825, Los Angeles, California.

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MARTIN FIELD, '41, was recently installed as Chairman of the Board of Directors of the National Aid to Visually Handicapped. Mr. Field is with the law firm of Field, DeGoff and Rieman.

1950 - 1960

ROBERT J. COSTELLO, '52, has recently become a partner in the firm of Currie, Lebsack, Hannig & Ferrari. The firm has its offices at 525 Marshall Street, Redwood City, California.

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JOSEPH B. HARVEY, '52, has announced recently that he has become a partner in the firm of Herrick, Gross, Mansfield & Harvey. The firm does business at 2470 El Camino Real, P. O. Box 11006, Palo Alto, California.

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WILLIAM J. ADAMS, '55, recently announced the formation of a law partnership to operate under the name of Adams & Quigley. Offices are located at 800 W. 20th Street, P. O. Box 1229, Merced, California.

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C. RICHARD BARTALINI, '57, was recently named 1966 Outstanding Young Man by the State Junior Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Bartalini is a former Alameda County deputy district attorney, and is now practicing law privately in Alameda.

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EDGAR J. BRAUN, '58, has recently become associated with the firm of Lewis, Rouda & Winchell in San Francisco. Mr. Braun, a part time instructor at Hastings, will specialize in income, estate and gift taxation as well as estate planning and probate.

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JOSEPH L. FINK, '59, has recently announced his association with Gerald R. Knecht, Larry D. Dingus, and Dix Boring. The newly formed firm will practice law under the name of Knecht, Dingus, Fink & Boring. Offices are at 111 Sutter Street, Suite 2125, San Francisco, California.

In Memoriam

The passing of the following Alumni has been reported since the last edition of the Hastings Alumni Bulletin:

M. A. Weis, '41; Edgar C. Kester, '29; Leota Wagner Davis, '39.



Raymond L. Hanson, '36

Raymond L. Hanson, '36, senior partner of the law firm of Hanson Bridgett Marcus and Jenkins, San Francisco, has been elected as a Fellow of the American College of Probate Counsel.

Hanson is one of the few Fellows of the A.C.P.C. in San Francisco and the Northern California area.

1960 - PRESENT

ROBERT F. LIST, '62, was elected District Attorney of Ormsby County, Nevada, last November. Deputy District Attorneys include MIKE FONDI, '62, and DICK HANNA, '36.

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WILLIAM C. CARR, '62, has recently become a member and managing partner of the firm of Hanna & Brophy, which has its offices at 1671 The Alameda, San Jose, California.

DON E. BAILEY, '63, along with Thomas M. Carnes, has announced the formation of a partnership under the name of Carnes & Bailey. The firm's offices are located in the Hartford Building, Suite 2612, 650 California Street, San Francisco.

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RENEE RUBIN, '63, was recently named to the Visitors Sponsorship Committee of the San Francisco Bar Association. Miss Rubin is currently teaching Legal Research and Writing at Hastings.

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DONALD INGOGLIA, '64, has recently announced his association with Lenard S. Zipperian. The firm specializes in tax and related matters. Their principal offices are located at Suite 612, IBM Building, 520 Capitol Mall, Sacramento.

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SALLE SEAMAN SOLADAY, '65, announced her association in the general practice of law with Lawrence A. Cowen. Offices are at Suite 2, Cheda Bldg., San Rafael, California.

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JOHN C. TILL, '65, has recently become an associate in the firm of Currie, Lebsack, Hannig & Ferrari. The firm has its offices at 525 Marshall Street, Redwood City, California.

Reunion Calendar

It is desired to list in the "Cal Monthly" Reunion Calendar all of the Hastings classes that are having reunions. It will be appreciated if notice is given to the College if your class expects to have a reunion the weekend of the football game, November 17.

New Look for Alumni News

Our readers this quarter will notice that the Alumni News has been modified in several ways. First, we are using the new official seal designed by a special student committee last year. Second, our page one nameplate is blue and gold, the University of California colors, and contains a shadowed replica of the "new" Hastings soon to be constructed.

Third, the "Alumni Notes" has been arranged chronologically according to graduating class. Hopefully this will make it easier for you to find news of those in your own class. And incidentally, why don't you drop us a line? Your classmates will be interested in learning what you've been up to!

This Alumni News features three Hastings graduates who have made their mark in fields other than law practice. Don Mulford has served in the California Assembly since 1957. William Blackfield heads an organization that has built over 30,000 homes. And Harold Dobbs divides his time between business and public service activities in San Francisco.

We are always interested in keeping in touch with our alumni, and we hope our alumni publication interests you in following the progress of Hastings—the Oldest Law School in the West!

Civic improvement is Dobbs' aim

Public office draws individuals from all walks of life as the election of a former actor to the California governorship proved last November.

Yet the lure of the political arena on a particular group has long been and will probably continue to be most evident among members of the legal profession.

Hastings graduates, to be sure, have no immunity to the world of politics as can readily be seen in the public contributions of Harold S. Dobbs, Class of '42.

Mr. Dobbs, currently a candidate for mayor of San Francisco, began his political career in 1951 when he was first elected to the San Francisco Board of Supervisors where he served three terms ending in 1963.

During this 12-year period, he also performed duties as Chairman of the Finance Committee, Chairman of the Public Buildings, Lands and City Planning Committee and Chairman of the Judiciary, Legislation and Civil Service Committee.

Mr. Dobbs' expertise in the area of city legislation has been graphically demonstrated by the success of Hastings in securing the approval of the planning commission and the Board of Supervisors in legislation securing the vacation of airspace for the new addition to Hastings.

While a member of the Board of Supervisors, Mr. Dobbs continued to be involved in legal and business activities and at the same time donated much of his time to head a number of Bay Area charitable organizations.

Two legal authorities join Hastings faculty for '67 summer session

Two nationally recognized authorities in their respective fields of law are visiting professors for the 1967 summer session at Hastings.

John L. Fitzgerald, Southern Methodist University School of Law, will instruct a class in Equity. Professor Fitzgerald received his LL.B. at the University of Washington, his LL.M. at Harvard and his S.J.D. at Georgetown University. He is a member of the Washington and California Bars.

David R. Bookstaver of the University of Pittsburgh School of Law will teach a course in Federal Income Tax. Professor Bookstaver was formerly Dean of Washington College of the Law of American University and is considered a national authority in the field of federal income tax law.

In law, Mr. Dobbs entered practice with the firm of Lillick, Geary, Wheat, Adams & Charles and in 1956, he opened his own law offices at 351 California Street where he still carries on his own practice.

In business, Mr. Dobbs pioneered the drive-in restaurant business in San Francisco in 1946 and in the ensuing years developed a highly successful group of drive-ins, restaurants and recreational centers in San Francisco and the Bay Area.

At present, Mr. Dobbs serves on the Board of Directors of the Volunteer Auxiliary to San Francisco General Hospital, Mt. Zion Hospital, Lighthouse for the Blind, San Francisco Boys' Club, Sinai Memorial Chapel, St. Elizabeth's Infant Hospital, and as a Vice President of the Board of Governors of Hastings College of the Law.



Harold S. Dobbs

20 students selected to join summer legal intern project

Approximately 20 students from leading law schools throughout the country have been selected to participate in a summer legal intern project sponsored jointly by Hastings and the San Francisco Neighborhood Legal Assistance Foundation.

Hastings Associate Dean Marvin J. Anderson has been appointed as the faculty advisor of the project and he will be responsible for all administrative aspects of the program that involve Hastings.

The key to the program, according to Harvey M. Freed, Esq., Deputy Coordinator of the Neighborhood Legal Assistance Foundation, will be a highly qualified young attorney who is admitted to the California Bar and who has had both teaching and law practice experience.

To fill this position as Visiting Professor, Mr. Freed has appointed Michael M. Golden.

Mr. Golden was formerly associated with the San Francisco law firm of Heller, Ehrman, White and McAuliffe and prior to that was a law clerk to Mr. Justice Ben Duniway of the U. S. Court of Appeals. He received his A.B. degree from Pomona College and his LL.B. from Stanford University where he was also selected for Order of the Coif.

Twenty per cent of the total budget for the project will be provided by local com-

munity sources in the form of cash, services, donated facilities or the like. The remaining 80 per cent will be made up of funds from the Office of Economic Opportunity.

Hastings itself will contribute classroom and office space as well as the use of its law library and the appropriate value of these facilities will be credited toward the matching funds requirement.

The program will run from June 26 and extend for approximately ten weeks until Sept. 1.

Deans Anderson and Munster are given promotions by Hastings

Hastings Assistant Dean and Registrar Marvin J. Anderson has been appointed as Associate Dean effective July 1, 1967.

Dean Anderson was formerly Professor of Law at California Western University School of Law. He received his Ph.B. degree from the University of Wisconsin, his J.D. degree from the University of Wisconsin School of Law and his LL.M. degree from the New York University School of Law.

Joe H. Munster, Jr., who joined the Hastings administration last year, has also been appointed as Associate Dean.

Hastings Alum serves in Assembly

Although most Hastings alumni predictably practice law, a handful have found their calling as law-makers in the California Legislature. An outstanding example is Assemblyman Don Mulford who has represented his Berkeley constituents since 1957.



Assemblyman Don Mulford

Mulford attended Hastings in 1948 after earning his A.B. degree at Berkeley, and after serving six years active duty during World War II.

Having served ten sessions in the Legislature, Mulford's committee assignments have included Vice Chairman Public Health Committee, Acting Chairman of the Military and Veterans Affairs Committee, Government Organization, Revenue and Taxation, Governmental Efficiency and Economy, Narcotics, Boxing and Wrestling, Air Pollution and Radiation, Finance and Insurance, Professional and Vocational Standards. He also served on the 1964 Budget Conference Committee.

As one of the most powerful and effective members of the California legislature and a member of the Assembly Subcommittee on Higher Education, Assemblyman Mulford facilitated this year's operating budget for Hastings by assuring that it would be increased rather than decreased.

Mr. Mulford, who has long been a strong and effective fiscal supporter of the Univer-

sity, was particularly effective in seeing to it that Hastings is no longer treated as a step-child of the University of California.

He now serves on the Ways and Means, Public Health, Legislative Representation, and Government Organization Committees. He is Chairman of the Assembly Republican Caucus. He is Chairman of the Subcommittee on Fire Prevention and Residential Safety of the Public Health Committee. He also serves on the Constitutional Revision Committee and is an ex officio member of the Assembly Rules Committee.

One of his most important pieces of legislation was the complete rewriting of the State Housing Code, which has resulted in the savings of lives of citizens, with particular emphasis on fire safety.

Don and his wife, Virginia Adams, have four children: David, Donna, Patty and Don. David has just completed his first year at Hastings.

He is a partner in the insurance brokerage firm of Mulford, Poulton & Orr, Oakland.

30,000 Homes Built by Hastings Man

Sometimes Hastings alumni pop up in places you'd least expect to find them. Take Bill Blackfield, for instance. After graduating from Hastings with the Class of '38, Blackfield went on to become head of one of the largest and most successful home-building enterprises in the western United States.

Today, after building 25,000 homes in California and another 5,000 in Hawaii, Blackfield looks back and says, "My folks were from the Old Country and wanted me to be a lawyer. I wanted to be an engineer. So I got my engineering degree at Berkeley and my law degree at Hastings."

Custom Homes

After working for several years as an engineer, Blackfield entered the home construction business. "I had only \$300 to start with. I began with custom-built houses and put up 80 or 90 between 1945 and 1947."

"Early in 1948 I built my first development, pioneering suburban living developments in Northern California. I've pioneered eight areas that are now cities," he added.

Blackfield's original \$300 in capital has

put roofs over the heads of thousands of families and a solid foundation under his own feet.

Today he is chairman of the board of Blackfield Enterprises and majority stockholder in half a dozen related firms. He also operates three family-owned com-

panies in California, including the William Blackfield Organization.

"Kids get out of college and say there are no more opportunities," he said. "The opportunities are there. You have to create your own chance to take advantage of them."



Bill Blackfield at his desk

ALUMNI FUND DRIVE

Can fifty thousand dollars ever equal a million dollars?

It can under a fund raising campaign which was approved by the Board of Governors of the Hastings Alumni Association at their May 19 meeting in Fresno.

The new fund raising drive will be entitled "A Million Dollars for Fifty Thousand Dollars" and will be aimed at raising sufficient funds to set up a National De-

fense Education Act Loan program at Hastings.

Dollar for Dollar

According to Associate Dean Joe Munster, the administration has already launched a campaign to interest several foundations in Hastings. He adds, however, that Hastings Alumni should be prepared to raise one dollar for every dollar which can be obtained from foundation grants.

The monies raised by the alumni and matched by foundations would thereby provide the necessary funds under which Hastings could administer an N.D.E.A. Loan program and provide up to a million dollars in student loans.

Focal Point

An honorary chairman and cabinet of distinguished alumni in California, Nevada and Hawaii will provide the focal point for the program, according to Dean Munster.

Appointment of chairmen and formal launching of the fund drive will be announced shortly, the Dean said.

Hastings Adopts Official Seal

After 89 years Hastings finally has its own official seal. A committee of students last year headed by Chip Pashayan, '67, designed the seal.

The "LXV" atop the torch symbolizes the distinguished "65 Club." At the base of the seal appear the words, "Fiat Justitia," which translates from the Latin, "Let Justice Be Done."

Annual Banquet to Be Held

The Outrigger Restaurant on Cannery Row in Salinas will be the scene of the annual Hastings Alumni Luncheon to be held in conjunction with the California State Bar Convention. The luncheon will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 27 at 12 noon. Those interested in attending may contact Myron E. Etienne, Jr., P. O. Box 849, Salinas, California. Guests are welcome.

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Hastings first alumni directory has recently been printed and is currently being distributed to over 3,000 Hastings graduates.

Alumni are listed alphabetically, by city and by class in the new directory with up-to-date addresses.

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